

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. An improved automatic fish hook apparatus formed from a single wire comprising:

5 a first shank having a distal end;

a second shank having a distal end;

a tensioner disposed intermediate said first shank and said second shank at about the middle of said single piece of wire; and

a catch, integral to said first shank, comprising an offset disposed about said first shank,

10 and releasably in communication with said second shank,

wherein

said first shank and said second shank having a first state and a second state, said

first state disposing said first shank and said second shank in substantially parallel

planes and said second state disposing said first shank and said second shank

15 crossed, whereby

in said first state, said first shank and said second shank depend down from said

tensioner,

and whereby

said catch maintains said first shank and said second shank in said second state

20 wherein said distal end of said first shank being at least partially obscured by said

second shank and said distal end of said second shank being at least partially

obscured by said first shank by crossing said distal ends of the respective shanks,  
and further whereby

upon the application of two generally opposing forces, applied about said first  
shank and said second shank, said first shank and said second shank are released

5 into said first state.

2. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, whereby in said first state, said respective distal ends,  
of said first shank and said second shank, being positioned in opposing directions.

3. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said first shank comprises a first hook  
10 having a distal end.

4. The improved fish hook of Claim 3, wherein said first hook further comprises a barb  
disposed about said distal end of said first hook.

15 5. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said second shank comprises a second hook  
having a distal end.

6. The improved fish hook of Claim 5, wherein said second hook further comprises a barb  
disposed about said distal end of said second hook.

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7. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said tensioner comprises a spring.

8. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said tensioner comprises a coil.

9. The improved fish hook of claim 1, wherein said tensioner comprises one or more coils of said single wire.

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10. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, further comprising a prong along each of said first shank and said second shank.

11. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, further comprising an eyelet disposed about and  
10 intermediate said first shank and said second shank.

12. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said single wire comprises a metal.

13. The improved fish hook of Claim 12, wherein said metal is selected from the group  
15 consisting of steel, iron, aluminum, copper, an alloy of steel, an alloy of iron, an alloy of aluminum, an alloy of copper and combinations thereof.

14. The improved fish hook of Claim 1, wherein said single wire comprises a composite material.

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15. An improved releasably biasable apparatus formed from a single piece of wire comprising:

a first shank having a distal end;

a second shank having a distal;

a tensioner disposed intermediate said first shank and said second shank at about the middle of said single piece of wire; and

5 a catch, integral to said first shank, comprising an offset disposed about said first shank, and releasably in communication with said second shank,

wherein

10 said first shank and said second shank having a first state, a second state, and a third state, said first state disposing said first shank and said second shank in substantially parallel planes, said second state disposing said first shank and said second shank crossed, and said third state disposing said first shank and said second shank crossed twice,

whereby

15 in said first state, said first shank and said second shank depend down from said tensioner,

and whereby

20 said catch maintains said first shank and said second shank in said second state wherein said distal end of said first shank is at least partially obscured by said second shank and said distal end of said second shank is at least partially obscured by said first shank by crossing said distal ends of the respective shanks, and further whereby

upon the application of two generally opposing forces, applied about said first shank and said second shank, said first shank and said second shank are released into said first state, whereby in said first state, said first shank and said second shank depend down from said tensioner and are in substantially parallel planes and with said respective distal ends being positioned in opposing directions.

16. The improved fish hook of Claim 15, wherein said first shank and said second shank being released into said third state upon the application of two generally opposing forces applied about said first shank and said second shank.

17. An improved automatic fish hook apparatus formed from a single wire comprising:  
a first shank and a second shank, each having a distal end, and together having a first state and a second state, said first state disposes said first shank and said second shank in substantially parallel planes and depending down from a tensioner and said second state disposes said first shank and said second shank crossed;

said tensioner being disposed intermediate said first shank and said second shank at about the middle of said single piece of wire; and

a catch, integral to said first shank, comprising an offset disposed about said first shank, and releasably in communication with said second shank,

wherein

said catch maintains said first shank and said second shank in said second state whereby said distal end of said first shank is at least partially obscured by said second shank and

said distal end of said second shank is at least partially obscured by said first shank by crossing said distal ends of the respective shanks,

and further wherein upon the application of two generally opposing forces, applied about said first shank and said second shank, said first shank and said second shank are released  
5 into said first state, whereby in said first state, said first shank and said second shank depend down from said tensioner and are in substantially parallel planes and with said respective distal ends being positioned in opposing directions.

18. The improved fish hook of Claim 17, wherein said first shank comprises a first hook  
10 having a distal end and wherein said second shank comprises a second hook having a distal end.

19. The improved fish hook of Claim 18, wherein said first shank comprises a first hook having a distal end and wherein said second shank comprises a second hook having a distal end and further wherein said respective distal ends, of said first hook and said second hook, each  
15 having a barb disposed about said distal ends.